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1. YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS IN GENERAL GIVEN FAVORABLE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO THE STORY OF POPE'S DEATH. STORIES WERE BASED ON TANJUG REPORT WHICH DESCRIBED POPE PAUL VI AS A "MODERATE REFORMIST" WHO SUCCESSFULLY LED CHURCH IN A DIFFICULT PERIOD, "A STATESMAN WHO ACTIVELY STRUGGLED FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS, FOR DISARMAMENT AND, ABOVE ALL, FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN DIFFERING RELIGIONS, POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND PEOPLE., YUGOSLAV PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT POPE PAUL VI WORKED FOR PROMOTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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HOLY SEE AND YUGOSLAVIA AND BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT IT WAS IN 1966 DURING HIS PONTIFICATE THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE HOLY SEE AND YUGOSLAVIA WERE RENEWED.

2. YUGOSLAV DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSIP VRHOVEC.

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